

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please replace the abstract with the amended abstract below, which removes the reference to Patent No. GB 0000672 in line 2.

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to acid-catalysed reactions of alcohols to produce ethers, acetals, ketals or alkenes. The reactions are carried out in the presence of a heterogenous catalyst under near- ~~GB0000672~~ or critical or supercritical conditions of temperature and pressure. The reactions of the present invention have the benefit that improved yields and/or selectivities may be obtained. In some cases, products which are not readily available by conventional acid-catalysed reactions of alcohols may be obtained.